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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re: : Chapter 11

Case Nos. 00-B-41065 (SMB)

RANDALL'S ISLAND FAMILY GOLF: CENTERS, INC., et al.,

through 00-B-41196 (SMB)

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(Jointly Administered)

Debtors. :

OBJECTION OF THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK TO DEBTORS' MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE EXCLUSIVE PERIOD FOR FILING A PLAN

The Chase Manhattan Bank ("Chase," and as agent for the Pre-Petition Secured Lenders and the Post-Petition DIP Lenders, the "Agent"), by Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, its attorneys, for its objection to Debtors' motion dated August 18, 2000 (the "Motion"), seeking an extension of the exclusive period within which to file a plan, respectfully represents:

Background

1. On May 4, 2000 (the "Filing Date"), the above-captioned Debtors filed their respective petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in this Court. The Debtors continue to manage and operate their businesses and properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108. On May 12, 2000, an official committee of unsecured creditors (the "Committee") was appointed by the United States Trustee.

2. Since the Filing Date, Debtors have continued to lose substantial sums of money during their peak season. In addition -- and contrary to the statements contained in the Motion -- the Lenders and upon information and belief the Committee are greatly dissatisfied with current management.

Argument

- 3. Section 1121(b) of the Code affords a debtor the exclusive ability to file a plan within the first 120 days of a bankruptcy case. Section 1121(c) provides that all parties in interest may file a plan if a section 1104 trustee has been appointed, the debtor has failed to file a plan in the 120-day period or the debtor has not filed a plan that has been accepted 180 days after the petition date. 11 U.S.C. § 1121(c)(3). Section 1121(d) provides the court may reduce or increase the 120- and 180-day periods for cause. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d), the Debtors have the burden of demonstrating "cause" for any extension of the exclusivity period.
- 4. While it is not uncommon for a bankruptcy court to favorably consider an initial extension of exclusivity in larger, complex cases, every case must stand on its own facts. In the instant case, if the Court determines to grant any extension, it should be limited to no more than 45 days. This is so for several reasons. First, while Debtors state that they have made progress in formulating a plan of reorganization, the Debtors have not even formulated a comprehensive business plan, let alone a plan of reorganization.
- 5. Similarly, while the Debtors allege that they have been "working cooperatively with Chase" in this chapter 11, nothing could be further from the truth. Chase has made many requests for financial information from the Debtors. These requests, until recently, were uniformly ignored and, even now, are only tardily and partially addressed. The lack of information provided has been

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a serious issue. Both from the standpoint of formulating a timely business plan and consulting with creditor constituencies, Debtors have been uncooperative.

- 6. Furthermore, Debtors have been losing substantial amounts of money. The most recent 10-Q filed with the SEC discloses that for the 3 months ended June 30, 2000, the Debtors net loss was \$50,597,000 and for the 6 months ended June 30, 2000, the net loss was \$72,078,000. These losses have dramatically increased from the comparable period in 1999 when the losses were \$1,524,000 and \$772,000.
- 7. Under all these circumstances, any extension of exclusivity should be limited to no longer than 45 days. Well before the expiration of such period of time, events will likely occur which will determine whether any further extension is warranted.
- 8. Indeed, were the Court to deny any extension, the Debtors would not suffer any real prejudice. Denying extension would not affect the Debtors' ongoing right to file a plan of reorganization. It would mean only that the Debtors would no longer have an exclusive right to file a plan. As the court held in <u>In re Southwest Oil Co. of Jourdanton, Inc.</u>, 84 B.R. 448 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 1987):

Section 1121 does not create a deadline for filing a plan. The Debtors may develop and file their plan or plans as they feel appropriate. The risk that while the debtors are developing their plan, another party in interest may file a plan is a risk that Congress intended, so as to preserve the balance between a debtor's needs and the legitimate interest of creditors.

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WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, the Debtors' motion for an extension of the

exclusive period in which they may file a plan and obtain acceptances thereto should be denied in its

entirety or, in the alternative, should be denied to the extent it seeks an extension of the exclusive

period in which to file a plan in excess of 45 days.

Dated: New York, New York August 25, 2000

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Leana B. Nussbaum, hereby certify that on August 25, 2000 I served the annexed Objection of The Chase Manhattan Bank to Debtors' Motion For An Extension of the Exclusive Period for Filing a Plan upon the parties on the annexed list via overnight mail.

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